

December 16, 2013

Nancy James First Chief Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government PO Box 126 Fort Yukon, AK 99740

RE: Fort Yukon Mooring Points

First Chief James,

This letter is written in response to your letter dated November 26, 2013 regarding the Fort Yukon Mooring Points project.

Unfortunately, the Denali Commission (Commission) is unable to proceed with the project. As both the Commission, and our project partner, the US Army Corps of Engineers – AK District Office, have communicated, too much time elapsed between our initial inquiries for information and the deadline to proceed. The Commission made the decision to move forward so that other community mooring point projects, which were bundled under the same award as Fort Yukon, would not be delayed any further.

Please continue to work directly with Ms. Melanie Peterson, USACE, 907-753-5694, or Melanie.a.peterson@usace.army.mil, to ensure that Fort Yukon's project is included in future mooring point project development with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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